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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ALLEN et al.

Application: STORAGE AREA NETWORK MANAGEMENT AND CONFIGURATION
METHOD AND APPARATUS VIA ENABLING IN-BAND
COMMUNICATIONS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed February 8, 2006, please amend
the above-identified application as follows: